

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 244

Short Title: Schools Closed Due to Inclement Weather. (Local)

Sponsors: Senator Soucek (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO GIVE QUALIFYING LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION IN CERTAIN
2 COUNTIES THE ABILITY TO BETTER MANAGE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME LOST
3 DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 115C-84.2(a) is amended by adding a new subdivision to
6 read:

7 "**(1b)** Notwithstanding subdivision (1) of this subsection, if a school is closed due
8 to inclement weather, a natural disaster, damage to a school facility, or a
9 state of emergency, the school is required to make up a maximum of the
10 average number of days or hours made up for the last five years."

11 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 115C-218.85(a)(1) reads as rewritten:

12 "(1) The school shall provide instruction each year for at least 185 days or 1,025
13 hours over nine calendar months. If, however, a school is closed due to
14 inclement weather, a natural disaster, damage to a school facility, or a state
15 of emergency, the school is required to make up a maximum of the average
16 number of days or hours made up for the last five years."

17 **SECTION 3.** This act applies only to the Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, and
18 Watauga County school administrative units.

19 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
20 the 2015-2016 school year.
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